

Amendments to the Specification

Beginning on a new page, immediately before the claims, please **insert** the attached Sequence Listing into the above-referenced case; please renumber subsequent pages accordingly.

Please **amend** the paragraph that begins on line 5 of page 1 as follows:

--The present application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/731,375 entitled "Bacterial Polypeptide Delivery" filed December 6, 2000 which claims priority under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) to the U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial Number 60/195,035 entitled "Bacterial Polypeptide Delivery" filed April March 6, 2000.--

Please **disable** the hyperlinks on line 2 of page 6 and line 18 of page 8 when preparing the patent text to be loaded onto the web database.

Please **amend** the paragraph that begins on line 22 of page 31 as follows:

--Several methods of killing allergen-producing *E. coli* were tested. Preferably, the method of killing bacteria does not denature or proteolyze the recombinant allergen(s) produced by the bacteria. As non-limiting examples, *E. coli* were killed by heat (at temperatures ranging from 37 °C to 95 °C), by using ethanol (0.1% to 10%), and by using solutions containing iodine (0.1% to 10%). Survival was determined by plating 100 µl of cells onto the appropriate agar plates, and subsequently counting the resulting colonies. The most reproducible method was heat killing. Therefore, the preferred method of killing allergen-producing *E. coli* is to incubate the cells at 60 °C for 20 minutes which results in 100% death (i.e. no colonies formed; see Figure # 1).--